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SUBJECT: NEW IRISH AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE

1. THE NEW IRISH AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE GERARD WOODS PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO POPE PAUL DEC. 19. IN HIS ADDRESS AT PRESENTATION CEREMONY, POPE PAUL SAID, "IN OUR DEEP PASTORAL AFFECTION AND SOLICITUDE, WE LIKEWISE EXPRESS OUR UNION WITH ALL THOSE WHO IN YOUR COUNTRY AS ELSEWHERE EARNESTLY DESIRE A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE SAD SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND." AMBASSADOR WOODS STATED THAT THE POPE'S CONCERN AND PRAYERS FOR THE PRESENT TROUBLES IN NORTHERN IRELAND ARE A CONSOLATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

2. BRITISH LEGATION TO HOLY SEE ANTICIPATES THAT SOME DIFFICULTY MAY RESULT IN NORTHERN IRELAND FROM VATICAN'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BLESSED OLIVER PLUNKETT WILL BE CANONIZED FALL OF NEXT YEAR. PLUNKETT WAS AN ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH EXECUTED BY THE ENGLISH IN 1681 FOR ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT INSURGENTS TO FIGHT AGAINST ENGLISH. BRITISH ARE HOPEFUL THAT EMPHASIS CAN BE LAID ON FACT THAT DURING HIS LIFE PLUNKETT HAD EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH IRISH PROTESTANTS AS HE ALWAYS STRESSED NEED FOR HARMONY BETWEEN

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COMMUNITIES AND THAT HIS EXECUTION PROVED TO BE A GRAVE ERROR

AS EVIDENCE WAS FOUND FOLLOWING DAY TO INDICATE HIS INNOCENCE.
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